

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

7. (Currently amended) An isolated polynucleotide ~~comprising~~ consisting of the nucleotide sequence of nucleotides as shown in SEQ ID NO: 1.

8. (Previously amended) An expression vector comprising the following operably linked elements:

- a transcription promoter;
- a DNA segment encoding a polypeptide as shown in SEQ ID NO: 2; and
- a transcription terminator.

9. (Original) A cultured cell comprising the expression vector of claim 8.

12. (Currently amended) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a fusion protein, said protein comprising a secretory peptide from residue 1 to residue 21 as shown in SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the protein is secreted.

13. (Currently amended) An expression vector comprising the following operably linked elements:

- a transcription promoter;
- a DNA segment encoding the fusion protein ~~according to~~ of claim 12; and
- a transcription terminator.

14. (Original) A cultured cell comprising the expression vector of claim 13, wherein the cell expresses the DNA segment and produces the encoded fusion protein.